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The tenants at Centerview Apartments would like to extend a very special "Thank You" for the lovely dinner put on by the Millbury Policeman's Association and their wives. Santa arrived as usual and greeted each one individually with a cheery remark and gift. Sergeant Perry's little daughter, Kristin, who looked more like a "kewpie doll" off the Christmas tree, also assisted the ladies with the serving.

Thank you all.

LINDEN

The tenants at 2 Pearl Street, Linden Apartments for the elderly, would like to thank the Millbury Police Association for giving us a nice Christmas supper, and also for taking time out to serve us our food. We would also like to thank Santa for handing out our gifts. The meal was very well done.

We want to thank our police officers for taking time out for us at this busy season. God bless you all.

Also, the Camp Fire girls came to Linden Apartments to sing Carols for us. Thank you girls and leaders for thinking of us. Refreshments were donated by Ruth Fugere, Walter Stidsen, and Richard Baroni.

Thank you all.

MARCH OF DIMES

The past few days were very hectic and a lot of fun, but most of all, very rewarding. Because of you, we raised $12,750.

To everyone that was "locked up", you did a great job and I can't thank you enough.

To the arresting officers, judge and everyone that contributed, we couldn't have done it without you.

Thank You,
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Millbury School Connection Seeking Additional Volunteers

The Millbury School Connection is well into its first year, and happy to report that we have experienced much success already. Of course, much remains to be done.

Millbury School Connection volunteers have worked 200 hours in a variety of areas: in the library, in reading programs, as monitors for testing, in the fluoride program, as chaperons for field trips, and in assisting the School Connection with its organizational needs.

The School Department very much appreciates these generous volunteers. The volunteers in turn appreciate the opportunity for the direct contact that this program provides.

Some of the areas still in need of help are as follows: in computer classes, reading to children, substitutes for project R.E.D. (Read Every Day), run off copies, holiday parties, decorate bulletin boards, speakers to discuss careers, recess and lunch room monitors, and library aids. Teachers are willing to train if necessary.

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The Millbury School Connection

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THURSDAY: Chicken Cacciatore, Spaghetti & Tomato Sauce, Zucchini, French Stick, Spice Cake & Frosting

Christmas CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

MILLBURY. The Millbury Baptist Church, Main Street at Farnsworth Court, invites all people, regardless of church affiliation, to join the congregation on Christmas Eve, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

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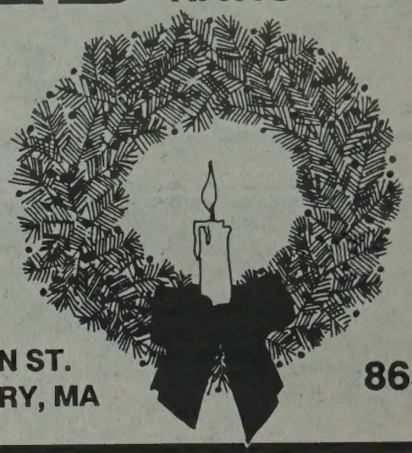
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MILLBURY SELECTMEN'S MEETING DIGEST

Board Offers Advice to Lancaster Health Official

By Edward J. Cooney

DECEMBER 15, 1987

Chairman Jude Cristo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Absent was board member John Donnelly.

Warrants were signed, and the minutes for November 11 were approved, 4-0.

- Administrator Earl Chase's weekly report was deferred to allow Acting Police Chief Ronald Stokowski to speak to the board in Executive Session. The board voted unanimously to move to executive session for the purpose of discussing the deployment of security personnel.

- At 7:15, the board returned to open session. David White and Larry Turner, representing R.H. White Construction Co., were present to discuss their request for a permit to open a 75 foot trench for sewage connections to a four unit site being constructed on Dudley Road by John LeClaire.

David White told the board that 90% of the trench work would be off South Main Street, with 10% in the road to the first manhole.

White took notice that the board was stopping all road work because asphalt plants will be closing for the season on Friday. The board expressed concern that if asphalt is not available, any construction on town roads would "create headaches" all winter. White stated that one plant would be open and that, if given approval, the work could be completed in two days and asphalt patch applied to areas dug. Cristo and other board members asked for a complete overlay in the Spring after settling has been completed.

White then spoke to work to be completed on Millbury Avenue, noting that 25 cross trenches were to be dug, backfilled, and patched. He suggested that a mix called "Sylvex" be used, which is similar to what the town uses.

Selectman Roland Lachance moved to approved "Sylvex" with the stipulations that it be used only if hot patch is not available and that the Highway Surveyor approves the use. The motion carried on a 4-0 vote.

- Ralph Gifford, of the Lancaster Board of Health, was introduced to the board. Gifford stated that he was present to gain information from the board based upon the town's experience in siting a resource recovery facility.

Cristo noted that the process started prior to the seating of the present members of the board. He stated that former Selectman Harold Ostrowski was a delegate to the Central Mass. Regional Resource Recovery Committee, which was involved in trying to site a plant in Worcester. The proposal was turned down by Worcester officials because it was "not politically advantageous".

According to Cristo, "Millbury had a site which fell through before the Miller property became available. It was a great economic opportunity for us with a minimal environmental impact. The site being located 100-200 feet from the Worcester Line gave us all the economic benefits," he said.

Lachance emphasized the success of the project could be attributed in part to the Board of Health, noting that the Chairman was present in the audience.

Selectman Wynton Adams suggested that developing a "sole source" company would be a beneficial and important factor in developing and siting a resource recovery facility. He also suggested that it was important to get the right counsel, advice, and financial people involved.

Cristo concurred that a sole source process would be expeditious. "I am convinced that Signal Resco was the leader in the field and I still feel they are 'top-notch'. Dealing with a reputable firm makes problems go easier. Ours is the most advanced in the country. It has state of the art equipment with emission controls and acid gas scrubbers."

Lachance added that it was important to have good public relations people to explain the process to the townspeople.

Adams also emphasized that once a vendor is chosen the best help should be acquired to negotiate a contract. "Maintain as much risk in the vendor's domain", counseled Adams. He went on to note that there is a lot of competition for siting plants. "There is a lot of money to be made."

Frank Piscitelli, Chairman of the Millbury Board of Health, suggested that Gifford check with the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) concerning siting procedures as there have been changes which allow for more "home rule".

- With regard to downtown parking, Chase reported that Representative Paul Kollios' office indicated that funding for grants is still being debated in the Senate.

- Chase indicated that the Housing Authority will receive a grant of $120,000 to rehabilitate the Pearl Street Apartments.

- Chase informed the board that the generator for emergency power in the town hall is in need of repair.

Adams asked for a report on the condition and projected life of the present generator, noting that it didn't seem to be too dependable.

- No action was taken on a plan for lighting locations in the Heywood Glen Estates as recommended by Mass. Electric.

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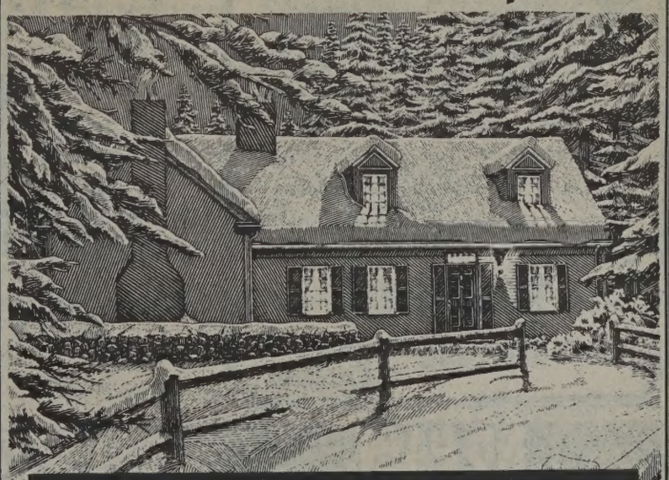

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- The Board agreed to a suggestion by Lachance and Adams to ask the Industrial Development Finance Authority to be present at a future meeting to discuss any possible future tax bonds involving the town, and to clarify lease agreements.

- Under "Old Business", Chase presented the board with a list of possible appointments to the Housing Partnership Program. Chase noted that there would be either 9 or 11 members drawn from the list representing various departments and boards. The selectmen deferred appointments until a further study is completed.

- Plans for the proposed transfer station are in the hands of DEQE for review. It was suggested that everything be done to speed up the process, which usually takes two months.

- Under "Resource Recovery Residue", Adams suggested that any proposals with respect to Millbury gaining access to the residue ash from Wheelabrator for use as a landfill cover be referred to the Resource Recovery Advisory Committee.

- Chase reported that Highway Surveyor, Joe Chase, will be present at the December 29th meeting to discuss sidewalk issues.

- According Chase, estimated tax bills have been sent out.

- Chase informed the board that representatives are needed for the Emergency Medical System. A letter will be sent to the Police and Fire Departments seeking persons to be appointed as "first responders".

- Under "New Business", the board unanimously approved a street opening permit for Commonwealth Gas at 4 Gould Street.

- The board approved, 4-0, the signing of affidavits for liquor license renewals.

Adams suggested that the board review the possibility of raising the liquor license fee. On a motion by Lachance, the board voted 4-0 to notify establishments that a review will be made and that fees may be raised next year.

- As an "Addenda Item", Lachance suggested that monies received from the resource recovery operation be considered for the purchase of a town beach. He suggested that the town discuss with Sutton the possible acquisition of the former Camp Marion on Singletary Lake as a joint venture.

- The board's regular business concluded at 9:15. Clerk Donald Gauthier then read several pieces of correspondence received by the board.

One letter referred to a request for documents relating to the construction being done on Millbury Ave. by R.H. White Construction company involving the replacement of water mains. The request was granted.

The board was informed that the property that was burned next to the Millbury Baptist Church was purchased by Michael Venincasa and would be demolished during the week of December 14th.

Following the correspondence, the board adjourned.

Assumption School News

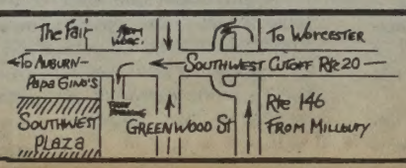
By Grace Laflash

On December 8th, Our Lady of the Assumption Church and School celebrated the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass was prepared by the students of Grade 7 and their teacher, Sister Marguerite. The celebrants were the Rev. Robert Spellman, the Rev. Msgr. Mederic Roberts and Deacon Robert Tremblay. Cross Bearer, Matthew Kenary, led the procession. Thaddeus Endriga and Eric Kuchle served as Acolytes, and Scott Barron and Aaron Kuchle were Servers.

A liturgical dance was performed by Kristin Jalbert, Michelle McQuiston, Christine Murphy, and Rebecca Prince. They danced to the Entrance Hymn, "O Chosen One".

Carmin Szynal read a passage from Genesis (3:9-15,20). The Responsorial Psalm was sung by the Cantor, David Gagne. Colleen Hines read Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12, and Daniele Recore read the Prayer of the Faithful.

Other participants included: Amy Cahill, Kim Kilgore, Kristin LaPorte, Paul Rice, Juliann Vaillancourt, Offertory Presenters; Edward Endriga, Michelle Goodreau, Carl Rushton, Collectors; Mark Brady, Randy Rochefort, Michael Snow, Michael Woll, Ushers; Michael Coco, Seating Planner; Sister Lucille Cormier, Joseph Brady, Jessica Hoye, Michelle Lavoie, Beth Mancini, Eloise Thibault, Instrumentalists.



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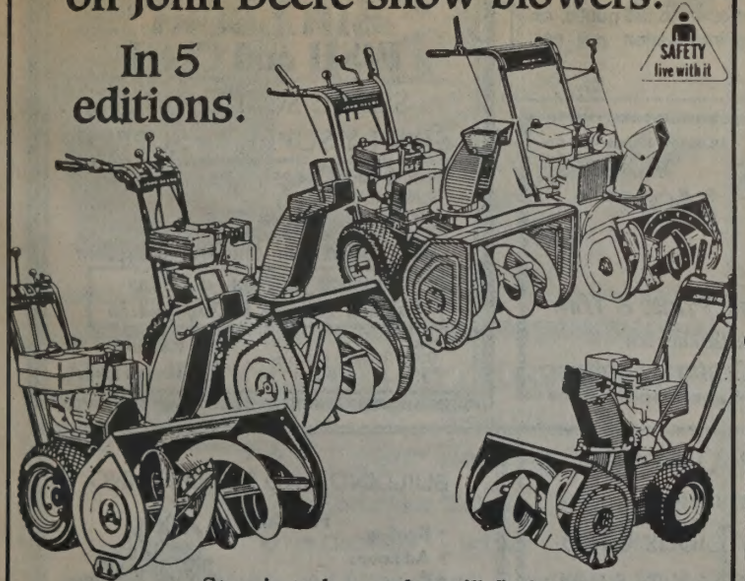

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On The Shelf

By Rosemary Waltos

The Millbury Public Library extends its best wishes to the Town of Millbury by offering something new to the community. Starting on December 29, the Library will have available for checkout two free passes to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and a VHS video playback unit.

With a grant from the Massachusetts Arts Council, the library can now offer free passes to the Fine Arts Museum to library card holders. Card holders over the age of 18 may reserve a one day pass by calling the library at 865-1181 or in person at the adult services desk.

One museum pass entitles two adults to free admission, except for some special exhibits. Admission for children under 16 is also free. Limit one per visit, per family.

Enjoy a day at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts by taking in one of their many special exhibits. Plan to have lunch or dinner at the Museum's fine eatery, and, of course, don't leave without visiting the Museum Shop. You'll receive a discount on most Museum Shop purchases over $2.00. With this pass, you'll also have access to the Museum library and to the musical instruments collection.

The Museum is located at 465 Huntington Avenue in Boston, just one mile from Copley Square. You can reach the Museum by public transportation by taking the MBTA Green Line, train "E". If you prefer driving, there is some paid parking available in the lot on Museum Road near the West Wing entrance to the Museum along with metered, off-street parking.

Museum hours, including West Wing, are: Tuesday, 10-5; Wednesday, 10-10; Thursday - Sunday, 10-5. West Wing and Evans Wing: Thursday and Friday, 5-10. Entrances to special exhibition galleries close one half hour before museum closing; all galleries close ten minutes before museum closing. The museum is closed every Monday and Thanksgiving Day.

For information about weekly events at the Museum, call 267-9377 or ANSWERS. For information and reservations about the current special exhibit "Andrew Wyeth: The Helga Pictures", call 247-4000.

People planning to attend the Wyeth exhibit must make reservations. Admission to this exhibit is $6.00.

The library is also pleased to announce that it now has a video cassette playback unit, made by Funai, available for Millbury's local community groups to borrow. This equipment is intended for use by community groups in the showing of "Public use" VHS video cassettes. The library does own some public performance cassettes, and can borrow many more of these titles from the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System for local groups. Ask for a listing of these during your next visit to the library.

For your group's protection, it should be noted that video cassettes labeled "home use only" cannot be shown in group situations. This restriction prohibits showings in semi-public places such as clubs and activity centers. Disregard of this condition of use is a violation of Federal Copyright Laws.

To borrow the library's video cassette playback unit, or for more information, call the library at 865-1181.

This equipment is made available to you by a grant from the American Library Association and Panasonic.

The Millbury Public Library's Board of Trustees, Director, staff, and volunteers wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season!

Blood Pressure Clinics

MILLBURY. The District Nursing Society has announced the following Blood Pressure Clinics for the Month of January:

Tuesday, January 5th, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street.

Tuesday, January 12th, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion.

Tuesday, January 19th, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion.

Wednesday, January 20th, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., at the Linden Apartments, 2 Pearl Street.

Thursday, January 21st, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., at the Centerview Apartments, for residents only.

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Sutton's Preliminary Charter Draft to be Released

The night of Thursday, December 10, was a typically cold and wintry night, the type of night when a person just likes to get comfortably cozy and relax. But at the Sutton Town Hall, a group of residents sacrificed those comforts in order to meet as they had faithfully over the last few months. In the darkened Town Hall that night, the only office lit was that of the Town Clerk, where the Sutton Charter Commission met to review and adopt the preliminary draft proposal which will be presented to the residents of Sutton for consideration.

According to Bud Gurney, chairman of the commission, and Ethel O'Day, vice-chairman, this meeting was characteristic of the many which had previously been held. That being the case, the residents of Sutton can be assured, from what was witnessed, that this committee engaged in the finest example of participatory democracy on the local level. The discussion was marked by candor, frankness, and straightforward dialogue in which opinions were expressed without intimidation or reticence but in a spirit of respect and consideration. Positions were strongly voiced and courteously considered by all members of the commission.

Michael Curran, attorney for the commission, read article after article as each member followed along on the working copies, going over language that had been painfully drafted during their many sessions. Each section was considered with meticulous attention and with an eye to the seriousness and difficulty of their responsibility. According to their commission, the committee was to review, in-depth, the way in which Sutton's local government works and to consider ways in which that government might be made more efficient and more effective in serving the needs of the community.

What was of special note at this meeting and all those which led to this point is the sense of openness and respect which the members had for one another. The commission, which was elected during the April Town Elections, was made up of ten town residents, some of whom serve as town officials: Bud Gurney, Chairman; Ethel O'Day, Vice Chairwoman and Sutton's Town Clerk; Wallace Johnson, Chairman of the Selectmen; Mary K. Connor, Chairwoman of the Planning Board; James Goode; Karen Maynard; Bruce Davis; Lawrence Moore; Michael Curran, Commission Attorney; and Selectman Carl Licopoli who served until his recent illness.

"The commission had good balance," observed Ethel O'Day, "it was made up of residents from different backgrounds in and out of town government and represented the whole town."

The reasons for the charter review and creation of the charter commission are many. Sutton, like its sister communities, is experiencing rapid growth, and that growth will be accompanied by increased demands on town governmental agencies. According to Mrs. O'Day, "Carl (Licopoli) said 'We are operating under crisis management.' What we want is a system to handle day to day things before crises arise, and the way the new charter is set up when crises arise we'll have the expertise and knowledge to handle them."

One of the first steps taken by the Commission was a review of charters from other communities such as Grafton and Webster. "When we looked into their charters," Gurney explained, "we discovered that we already had a five member Board of Selectmen and an administrator and a recall law - three big things that these other communities didn't have. We felt good because Sutton had already accomplished some of the improvements."

The Commission is planning a mailing of the preliminary charter to all residents in the near future. Members stressed that it is important to note that this preliminary draft is not the final one. "Nothing is final," Mrs. O'Day emphasized. "We want comments from the community, and we are willing to amend the charter if that's what the town wants." The commission hopes that residents attend the public hearing on the charter reform and educate themselves to its content before that meeting so that the committee can respond to all questions. "We tried to research every avenue possible," Gurney stated. "We tried to leave no stone unturned."

Mike Curran captured the essence and spirit of their work when he stated, "We're framing the house, but we're not putting the furniture in it."

The committee has finalized the preliminary draft, a capsule description of the changes and the rationale of which follows.

Article 1: Incorporation; Short Titles; Powers has been left unchanged.

Article 2: Legislative Branch has been amended. The scope of the Finance Committee has been broadened. The Finance Committee will

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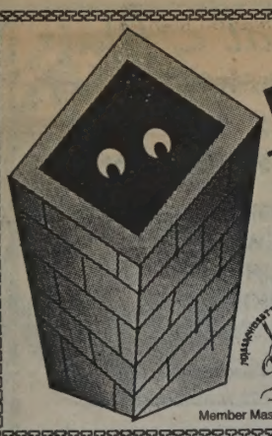

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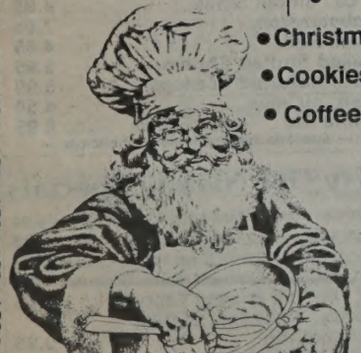

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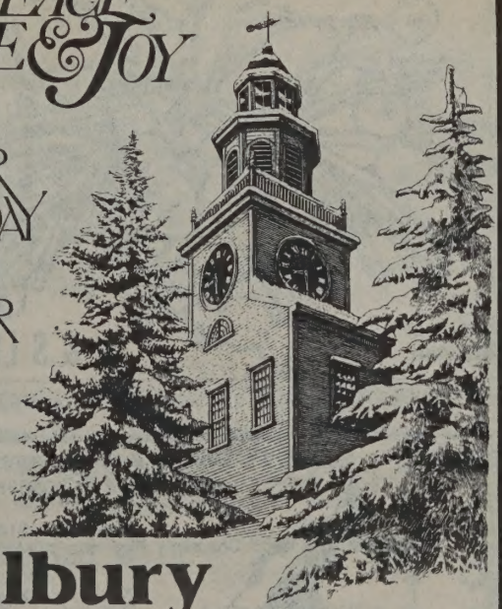

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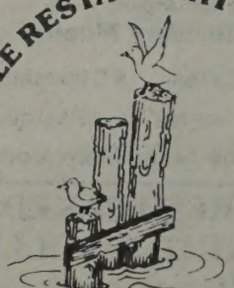

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The entire faculty and student body of the high school participated in the annual NHS-sponsored "Christmas for the Elderly" project by making donations for two weeks prior to delivery.

Students, dressed as elves, and a "mystery" Santa Claus arrived at the Sutton Town Hall during the Council on Aging's annual Christmas dinner party and also participated in a Christmas carol sing-a-long with the elderly before returning to school.

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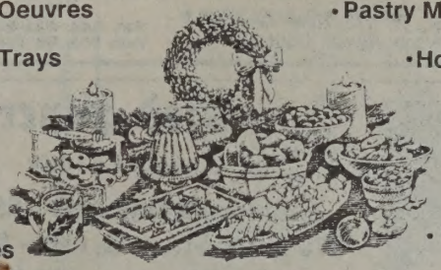

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now be called the "Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee". The present committee acts only on articles that require allocation of town monies. They will now be empowered to look into all warrant articles and to hold public hearings on those items. The rationale for this is that the Town Administrator will prepare the annual budget thus freeing the Finance Committee from that obligation and allowing them to examine and recommend on all of the items on the warrant.

Another change in Article 2 deals with the Town Meeting. The new charter calls for two town meetings per year and any additional "special meetings". The first town meeting to be held during March, April, or May, according to the charter, "shall be concerned with the determination of matters involving the expenditure of town funds...." The second meeting will be held during the last four calendar months and will address all other articles such as zoning changes, etc.

It is the feeling of the commission that the annual town meeting is so long and cumbersome that too many residents elect not to attend. Under this new system, the meetings will be held in the evenings and over several evenings if need be, but the scope of the meetings will be narrower, and it is hoped that this system might attract better participation.

Another change in the article is section 2-8: Availability of Town Officials at Town Meetings. This section requires that town officers, chairpersons of each multiple-member body, the head of each department and the head of each division within each department or their designee attend all sessions of the town meeting "for the purpose of providing the town meeting with information pertinent to matters appearing in the warrant."

Article 3: Elected Officers constitutes some significant changes. According to Mrs. O'Day, "We kept the same recall provision that we had for the town."

"There was a 15 member board that established it," Gurney added, "and when the recall law was written, it was approved unanimously - no one had any misapprehensions about it. It's important to keep it. The only change was made because we may have to add another precinct; we're looking 10 years down the road."

The following offices will be filled by town elections: the board of selectmen, the school committee, the cemetery commission, three members of the planning board, a recreation commission, a board of library trustees, a town moderator, a Sutton housing authority, and a representative to the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational School District Committee.

The change that occurs with respect to the planning board echoes the theme for deciding on appointed rather than elected positions for the remainder of the town offices. Essentially. the planning board will be composed of three elected members. This is to insure that residents will have a majority voice. Two members will be appointed to three year terms which, it is hoped, will allow for members who possess an expertise in this area to share their expertise with the committee.

This theme of shared expertise and training is echoed in the rationale behind the following appointed positions. Both Gurney and Mrs. O'Day stressed this point in their explanation of the new charter. Positions like Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, etc. require substantial expertise and training - some gained formally and some gained over years of experience. In order to insure that there is a continuity in these offices that would not be subject to the caprice of election, the committee felt that it is in the town's best interest to appoint these positions. These office holders would be answerable to the town administrator and subject to job reviews and monitoring by him/her.

The following positions would be "appointed' rather than elected: Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Board of Health, Board of Assessors, and Sewer Commission.

Article 4: Town Administrator deals with an existing position, but one which has been changed considerably. The best way to describe the responsibilities of the office is to explain more in-depth the rationale behind the entire charter review process. Central to charter reform is the widely held recognition that town government has become unwieldy because of its size and because their is no central conduit through which information can be processed. The lack of information and the unclear hazy and overlapping lines of command frequently frustrate and delay necessary actions. The new responsibilities given the position of town administrator have been designed to remedy those problems. The town administrator will be appointed by the board of selectmen from a list prepared by a screening committee. He/she "shall be a person especially fitted by education, training and previous experience in public administration to perform the duties of the office." The administrator will be directly responsible to and answerable to the board of selectmen who are the executive branch of the government. He/she, as chief administrative officer will have a wide range of powers many of which are stipulated on three pages of the charter. Among those outlined in the document and others which might arise, they shall include the authority to appoint, the responsibility to supervise all facets of the government and its personnel, the obligation to prepare the budget and anticipate future needs of the community. The rationale for placing so much responsibility on one person is that the administrator will be the person who will have his/her thumb on the pulse of the community, and his/her office should then be able to advise residents on the most expeditious and effective method to

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have their concerns resolved. At the same time, his/her grasp of the whole town picture and problems will allow him/her to inform the selectmen, allowing for a more expeditious resolution to town problems. Instead of having to dig for information themselves, the administrator will be able to supply the selectmen with what they need to act decisively before problems become unwieldy.

However, the commission stressed that the administrator will not have 'carte blanche' to act without restraint or supervision. The administrator will be working for the selectmen who have the authority to reject or disapprove the actions of the administrator. "We want it fully understood that the board of selectmen have the authority," Gurney said.

The administrator will be given other responsibilities that the commission feels will have far reaching results. He/she will prepare the annual budget which will provide time for the Finance and Advisory Committees to research and recommend on all of the warrant articles.

The knowledge gained performing this function will serve as a basis upon which the administrator will prepare a capital budget for five years. One of the problems of the present system is that anticipating future requirements is not being done in a consolidated fashion. The administrator's report will enable the town to anticipate future needs and begin preparing for them before a crisis occurs resulting in a band-aid approach to contingencies.

The above is not an exhaustive description of the administrator's duties, but it does outline not only his/her responsibilities, but also the rationale for expanding the scope of the administrator's responsibilities. He/she will be the hub around which and through which all governmental activity will revolve. That office will serve as the focal point to which the governing bodies and the residents can go for information and for resolution to their problems. The result will be a more efficient and productive government.

NEXT WEEK: Abstract of Articles 5-8 of the Charter.

Merry Christmas

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Our December meeting was cancelled by Mother Nature. But, Santa says that if you guys would like to have a "Christmas in July", just let Mr. Bjorn know. Santa will hook up his surfboard and water skis, and head South. Santa also said to get some ideas from you for things to do, so just write them down and pass them in to Mr. Bjorn.

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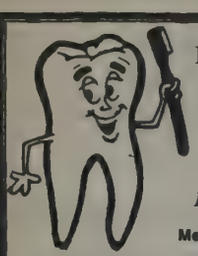

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Millbury High Honor Courses

MILLBURY. Honor courses at Millbury Memorial High School have increased over the past several years and plans are to continue to expand honor offerings this coming September. Presently, honor programs are being offered in college preparatory English, math, science and social studies.

According to Superintendent Alfred J. Sylvia, "While in some cases honor classes are dependent upon enrollment, it has been the intent of the Millbury School Committee and school administration to provide strong support for honor courses and to maintain such programs in all major academic areas.

"At the beginning of the 1987-88 school year, academically talented students could take honors English I, II, III and IV; honor's geometry, honor's algebra and trigonometry; honor's biology and honor's chemistry; and in social studies, honor's U.S. History. Starting in September, 1988, plans are to begin offering a four year math honor's sequence beginning with ninth grade algebra and concluding at grade twelve with advanced math, which includes calculus.

"In addition to the honor classes offered at the high school, there are other advance courses offered which are designed to provide students with learning experiences in preparing for success in college. The science department offers anatomy and physiology and has offered an advance science focusing on genetics, organic chemistry and botany. In the social studies department, psychology, sociology, global issues and environmental studies have been offered. Also, it should be noted that our business students have state of the art microcomputers to work with in leaning accounting (electronic spreadsheet), word processing and data base management. With the opening of school this past September, our industrial arts department was informed that a federal grant had been approved to expand the use of computer technology into graphic arts as well as mechanical drawing."

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Becky Rushton - 97.9	Ann Coons - 320
Hope Stockhaus - 96.4	Hope Stockhaus - 320
	Becky Rushton - 318

HIGH SINGLE	TOP TEN BOWLERS
Becky Rushton - 125	Pat Gaspar - 100.5
Ann Coons - 123	Becky Rushton - 97.9
Pat Gaspar - 123	Hope Stockhaus - 96.4
Mary Jo Boire - 117	Ann Coons - 94.0
	Kathy Marble - 92.2
	Joan DeSantis - 91.9
	Mary Jo Boire - 90.5
	Gail Higginbottom - 90.5
	Ann Kach - 90.3
	Ellen Bouvier - 89.5

TEAM STANDINGS	WON	LOST
Hummingbirds	68	36
Cardinals	62	42
Nightingales	59	45
Cuckoos	47	57
Dodo Birds	42	62
Woodpeckers	34	70

ALUMNI PANEL PLANNED

MILLBURY. An alumni panel presentation and reception is scheduled for January 5th in the High School Library for Millbury High School seniors and juniors. The intent of the panel is to familiarize the high school students with the realities of college life. The panelists will be asked to share their perceptions of the academic and social aspects of college life as well as their preparation while students at Millbury High School. The panel discussion will be followed by a reception.

Millbury High School alumni who are still in college are invited to participate in the panel or simply to come and share experiences with the students during the social hour.

Call the Guidance Office at 865-5844 if you are interested in attending.

Rep. Kollios Extends Holiday Greetings

BOSTON. Representative Paul Kollios wishes all the residents of his district a safe and happy holiday season.

His district office will be closed on Friday and Saturday, December 25th and 26th, and on January 1st and 2nd, due to the holidays.

Sutton Students Tour Aquarium

SUTTON. On December 15th, 25 members of Mr. Davagian's seventh grade science class at the Sutton Memorial Junior-Senior High School, toured the New England Aquarium in Boston. The students saw extensive exhibits of the life cycle of whales and other mammals, and attended the dolphin and sea lion show. After leaving the aquarium, the students lunched at Quincy Marketplace and then returned to Sutton.

Workshop Planned by CMI

MILLBURY. Beginning January 5, 1987, the Central Massachusetts Institute for Pastoral Care, Counseling and Consultation, Inc. will be holding an eight week parent and pre-adolescent/adolescent workshop at the Evangelical Congregational Church in Westboro. The workshop is designed to introduce the concept of an Open Family System, a family system that is viewed as one with "freedom within negotiated limits." It is set up in such a way that the families involved are active participants in search of more understanding, greater positive input, more cooperation, and more participation in decision-making regarding the family.

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Crossword Puzzle

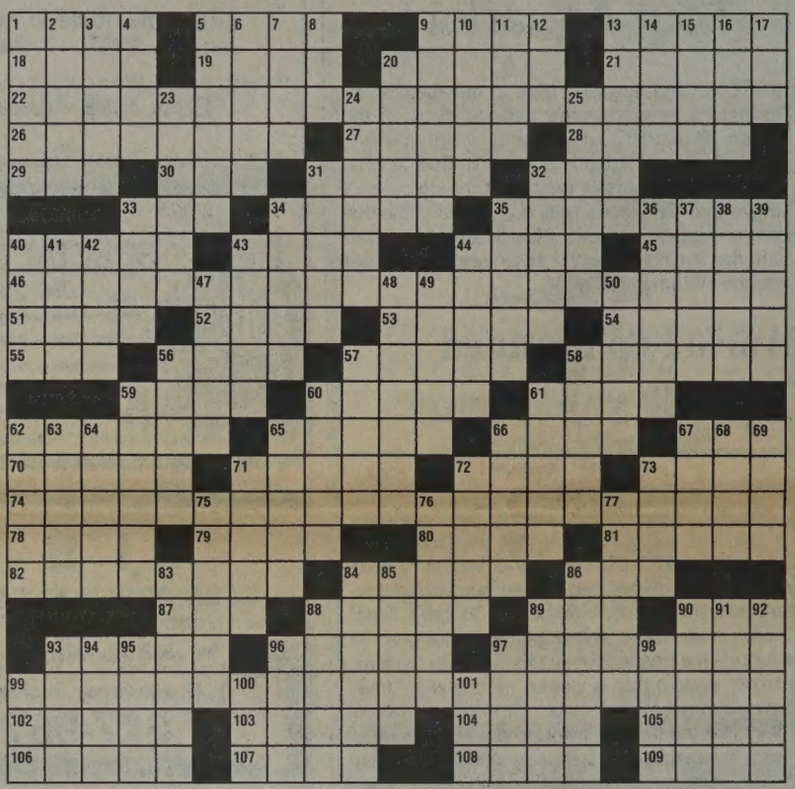
By Alfio Micci

ACROSS

1 Leftovers dish
5 Fall sound
9 "The Art of Fugue" composer
13 Jazz style
18 Entertainer Adams
19 River in Zaire
20 Oriental inn
21 "What's in —?"
22 Start of a four-line New Year's verse
26 Sweet syrups
27 "A Lesson from —": Fugard
28 Ruth's mother-in-law
29 Desire
30 Ess trailer
31 Free as —
32 An Arthur
33 Myrna of Hollywood
34 Skip over
35 Interprets incorrectly
40 Interim money
43 Privy to
44 Now, in old Rome
45 Redact
46 Second line of the verse
51 Hercules' captive
52 "— perfumed sea": Poe
53 Namesakes of a Verdi heroine
54 French income
55 Curly's pal
56 Melee
57 Kind of servant
58 Leave high and dry
59 Security
60 Author Horatio
61 Stocking troubles
62 Adviser to Numa Pompilius
65 Dueler's choice
66 Wrestler, for example
67 Indistinct sound
70 Perched
71 Use a plane
72 Corrode
73 Kyoto quaff
74 Third line of the verse
78 Coop mothers
79 Brood of pheasants
80 Rose's love
81 Greeted the dawn
82 Confuse
84 Planted
86 Wood layer
87 Hasten
88 Small bottle
89 Sparta's river
90 Coming-out girl
93 Northwest capital
96 Texas treat
97 Short account
99 End of the verse
102 Tuscany commune
103 Sanctum or tube
104 Fortuneteller's words
105 Indian Ocean isle
106 Playful mammal
107 Batt. type
108 Olivier's title
109 Counting-out word

DOWN

1 Substantial
2 Venerate
3 Lorelei, for one
4 "For — jolly good..."
5 Grooved wheel
6 Embankment
7 Music to a torero
8 For each
9 Rather than
10 Ready for battle
11 Coastal reefs
12 Start of a cheer
13 Oriental market
14 "La Gioconda" hero
15 Healing ointment
16 Buddhist mountain
17 Footlike organ
20 Firm
23 Devilfish
24 East Texas river
25 Int. org.
31 Oahu greeting
32 Constrains
33 Luce publication
34 List item
35 Sert work
36 Moray seekers
37 Hersey's bell town
38 The same
39 "Matador" author
40 Emulate Spitz
41 Half a Chattanooga sound
42 Actor's quest
43 Utopian
44 The pits
47 Water wheel
48 Simenon detective
49 Stored for future use
50 Diarist Anne
56 Hard to read
57 Garlic unit
58 Kind of millionaire
59 Tour a store
60 Up and doing
61 Charlotte —
62 Noted Root
63 Specified
64 Collars and jackets
65 Window or sun follower
66 Like the tropics
67 Angelic headwear
68 Maui music makers
69 Adjective for bagatelle
71 Photographer's request
72 Rise up
73 Agile
75 Punctual
76 Michener title
77 Spite
83 Thumb part
84 Black eye
85 Merchant vessel
86 — upon (victimized)
88 Barbital lead-in
89 — alia
90 Motherless calf
91 Frome or Allen
92 Ross or Palmer
93 Conniption
94 17th cen. French violinist
95 Queue
96 Copper
97 Indeed!
98 Eat in style
99 Prefix with tope or bar
100 "— the season..."
101 Hodges or Blas



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Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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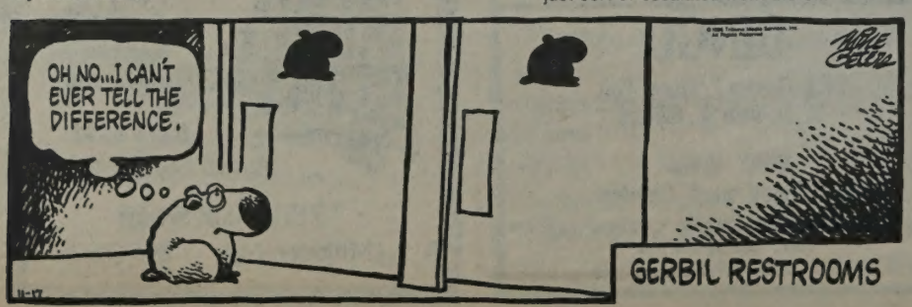
"...So then Carl says, 'Hey, watch what happens when I squeeze this packet of ketchup,' and, well, it just sort of escalated from there..."

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

by Mike Peters



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All interested parties are invited to attend.

Richard P. Valentino, Chairman
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